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1. The joint Hungarian-Soviet shipping company Meszhart has changed its name to Mahart (Magyar Hajózási Részvénytársaság - Hungarian Navigation Company). It is rumored that the Soviet-owned stock was sold to the Hungarian Government for 90,000,000 dollars. The Soviet-owned stock was returned to the Hungarians by 1 November 1954.
2. It is not known whether the Soviet personnel in the Meszhart directorate in Budapest have been transferred, but Hungarians have already replaced the Soviet navigation personnel. The General Director of Mahart is still Mihály Pataki.
3. The following vessels are in use by Mahart:-

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a. Tugs:

	Name	Type of Engine	
(1)	ESZTERGOM	diesel engine, screw, 1,000 HP	
(2)	GYOR	diesel engine, screw, 1,000 HP	
(3)	KOMAROM	diesel engine, screw, 1,000 HP	
(4)	MOHACS	diesel engine, screw, 1,000 HP	
(5)	ETELE	diesel engine, screw, 800 HP	
(6)	BUDA	diesel engine, screw, 800 HP	
(7)	MAGYAR	diesel engine, screw, 800 HP	
(8)	HUNOR	diesel engine, screw, 800 HP	
(9)	EGER	diesel engine, screw, 800 HP	
(10)	SZECHENYI	diesel engine, paddle, 800 HP	
(11)	BAROSS	diesel engine, paddle, 800 HP	
(12)	SZAMOS	diesel engine, screw, 600 HP	
(13)	KAZAN	steamer, coal, 600 HP	
(14)	BEKE	steamer, coal, 400 HP	
(15)	TIHANY	steamer, coal, 400 HP	
(16)	SZIGLIGET	steamer, coal, 400 HP	

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(17)	ELŐ	paddle steamer, coal	600 HP
(18)	BIHAR	paddle steamer, coal	600 HP
(19)	KEKES	paddle steamer, pakura	600 HP
(20)	KALOCSA	paddle steamer, pakura	600 HP
(21)	TÓHÓTON	paddle steamer, coal	600 HP
(22)	SAJO	boxer motor ship	(Used in the Csepel free
(23)	SZAVA	boxer motor ship	harbor in Budapest.)

b. Barges

Approximately 250 serviceable barges are in use, with 30 under repair. The carrying capacity of these barges is from 65 up to 101 car-loads, (1 carload = 10 to 15 tons). To make up for a shortage of barges in Messhart, large barges were transferred from the BHV (Balaton Navigation Company). The BHV's large barges were replaced by smaller barges.

c. 14 tankers are in current use, five of which have a carrying capacity of 80 carloads and nine 65-75 carloads (1 tank carload = 15 tons).

4. Seven tank barges carry oil between Lobau, Austria and Széchy (Almásfüzitő) Hungary. Seven other tank barges carry out a regular inland oil-transport service. The seven traveling between Lobau and Széchy make three round trips a month. Crude oil is transported from Lobau harbor which has a capacity of 1,500 carloads.
5. Police checks on ships have decreased considerably over the last few months. Since December 1954, the escorting of German and Yugoslav ships up the Danube to the Hungarian frontier by a motorboat of the River Frontier Police (Folyam határrendészet), has ceased.

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